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Wanted Fugitives in Custody after FCSO Deputies, Bunnell Police Officers and Sheriff Staly Work Together to Solve Two Stolen Vehicle Incidents in Flagler County

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) was able to successfully apprehend fugitives during two recent stolen vehicle recoveries. FCSO responded to the report of a stolen vehicle on Wednesday, January 22, at 11 a.m. on South State Street in Bunnell. Bunnell Police Officers along with Sheriff Staly and FCSO Deputies conducted a felony traffic stop on the blue Hyundai Tucson. The driver and passenger complied with law enforcement and were detained.

The driver was identified as 28-year-old Briana Atkinson (DOB 5/9/1991) and the passenger was identified as 31-year-old Matthew McLaurin. Atkinson claimed she rented the vehicle from the registered owner and that it may have been reported stolen due to the registered owner's financial issues. Atkinson was arrested and charged with Grand Theft and Driving with a Suspended License. McLaurin was released at the scene.



Booking photos from left: Atkinson, Smith, and Green.

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Upon entry to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility it was discovered that Atkinson was concealing contraband inside of her bra. Detention Deputies located 0.7 grams of Heroin and 0.6 grams of Methamphetamine. Atkinson was additionally charged with Possession of Heroin, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Introduction of Contraband to a detention facility.

Atkinson was also found to have an active arrest warrant from New York for a Parole Violation. She remains in the Flagler County Jail without bond. Video of arrest here: https://youtu.be/Tr_8K3KiEJk

“I happened to be in the right place at the right time and I was able to assist with the felony traffic stop,” Sheriff Staly said. “Our deputies and the Bunnell Police Department worked together too quickly and safely apprehend this fugitive driving a stolen car.”

On Sunday, January 26, at 11:26 a.m. FCSO responded to the report of a stolen vehicle with a North Carolina license plate was traveling on US1 northbound. Deputies attempted to conduct a felony traffic stop on Kankakee Trail in Palm Coast but the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed. After driving recklessly with disregard for persons or property, the vehicle crashed off of US1 and hit a tree.

All of the occupants except the driver exited the vehicle and fled following the crash. The driver remained in the vehicle and continually attempted to accelerate the vehicle in order to flee, however the vehicle was stuck in the ditch. After failure to follow the commands of deputies, Deputy Ocampo deployed his agency-issued Taser twice in order to gain control of the driver. The driver then exited the vehicle and was taken into custody. The front-seat passenger was also located and taken into custody.

The driver was identified as 44-year-old Torranno Smith (DOB 11/19/1975) and the passenger was identified as 41-year-old Tyreemah Green (DOB 12/4/1978). There were multiple open alcohol containers in the vehicle along with drink mixers.

“I’m very proud of our team for leveraging the technology they have and good police work to tactically take these criminals off the streets of Flagler County and put them in the Green Roof Inn where they belong so that they cannot prey on other victims,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Not only are they stealing other people’s vehicles, but both cases involved criminals with warrants from other counties or states that are actively evading arrest. Both cases also involved dangerous narcotics. Now the vehicles can be returned to their rightful owners.”

Smith was arrested for Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Habitual Driving While License Suspended, Reckless Driving, Resisting Arrest without Violence, and having an Open Container of Alcohol. It was also discovered that Smith had two active warrants from Volusia County for Failure to Appear for a Possession of Drug Paraphernalia charge and Burglary of an Occupied Structure charge. He remains in jail with no bond allowed.

During a search of the vehicle, deputies located a purse belonging to Green. Inside the purse deputies

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located MDMA, two Clonazepam tablets, a crack pipe, and a hypodermic needle. Green was arrested and charged with Possession of MDMA, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She remains in jail with a \$3,500.00 bond.

Video of stolen vehicle recovery and arrest can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/RRrY5kfNbWU>

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